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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR COMPUTER TRAINING
RELATING TO DEVICES USING
A RESOURCE CONTROL
MODULE.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the best of the Applicants' knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the majority of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior application, Application No. 09/365,243, filing date July 30, 1999, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

A copy of an International Search Report in a corresponding PCT application that cites WO 99/33041, U.S. Patent No. 5,727,950, and Lefkowitz, L.S. et al.; "A Knowledge-Based Intelligent Tutoring System for Telephony Operations Support Systems"; Proceedings of the International Conference on Communications (ICC), U.S.,

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New York, IEEE; May 23, 1993, pages 1880-1884 is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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